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SUBJECT: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS

REFS: (A) ATHENS 3362 (DTG 150818Z APR 77) (NOTAL)
(B) ATHENS 3521 (DTG 191515Z APR 77)
(C) STATE 79932 (DTG 090001Z APR 77)

1. IN MANY NEGOTIATIONS A DECISIVE MOMENT OFTEN COMES WHEN DEADLOCKS CAN BE BROKEN AND THE PROCESS PUSHED TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. IN MY VIEW, WE WERE VERY CLOSE TO SUCH A CRITICAL JUNCTURE LAST FALL BUT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS LOST.

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2. I AND MY NEGOTIATING COLLEAGUES HERE ARE PRESSING FORWARD AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND BELIEVE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK -- MAYBE EVEN BY TUESDAY. WE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED OFTEN IN THE PAST SO WE ARE NOT ALLOWING OUR HOPES TO RISE UNDULY. IN ADDITION, EVEN IF THE MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH WE ARE STRIVING FOR DOES IN FACT MATERIALIZE, THERE WILL STILL

BE A GREAT DEAL OF NEGOTIATING AND MOPPING UP TO DO BEFORE ALL DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. STILL, IF SUCH A CRITICAL JUNCTURE IS IN FACT IN THE OFFING, I AM PROCEEDING ON THE HYPOTHESIS THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO LOSE IT. TO DO SO IMPLIES THE STRINGING OUT OF THE U.S.-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS FOR MANY MORE MONTHS.

3. THUS, I WANT TO ALERT ADDRESSEES THAT I THINK WE ARE ABOUT TO ENTER A FAST-EVOLVING SITUATION WHERE RAPID AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSIVENESS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES COULD LEAD TO A RESOLUTION OF PENDING ISSUES IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS ON TERMS FAVORABLE TO THE U.S. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT FOR THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE DAYS RESPONSIBLE CENTERS BE ON STANDBY TO ACT AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE IF WE FIND WE ARE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE A MAJOR AND DECISIVE BREAKTHROUGH HERE IN ATHENS. IN ADDITION, WE REQUEST THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTION NOW:

4. BEGIN UNDER LINE SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED NOW: END UNDERLINE

(A) REQUEST RESPONSE TO ACTION REQUESTS IN REFTELS A (AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT) AND B (SOUDA COST SHARING) BY COB APRIL 22. IF EQUIPMENT LIST REQUESTED IN REF A HAS NOT BEEN POUCHED, OR IF YOU DO NOT ANTICIPATE OUR RECEIPT OF POUCH BY APRIL 22, A TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY WITH EMPHASIS ON COST FIGURES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

(B) REQUEST APPROVAL FOR USE OF QUOTED LANGUAGE IN PARA 4 OF REF C, RELATING NEA MAKRI/DCS EQUIPMENT TO PARITY
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